

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 25 March 2004. Responsive to the rejections made in the Official Action, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter formally defined in Claim 3, and Claim 3 has been cancelled by this Amendment. Additionally, new Claim 4 has been added.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103, as being clearly anticipated by Huang, U.S. Patent 6,106,304. The Examiner stated that Applicant's prior Patent disclosed a cable connector comprising a cable and a wire extending from a center of an end of the cable; a connector connected to the end of the cable and a semi-circular plate extending from an end of the connector, two notches defined in an end surface of the connector and a groove defined in an inner periphery of the semi-circular plate, and a hooking piece being pressed in the groove and two ends of the hooking piece extending perpendicularly beyond two longitudinal sides of the semi-circular plate. With respect to Claim 2, the Examiner stated that the reference showed the hooking piece having a circular cross section and each of two ends of the hooking piece having a bent portion which is formed by bending the hooking pieces outward at a distance from a distal end of each of two ends of the hooking piece, a distance between two peaks of the two bent portions being longer than a distance between any two symmetric points on the hooking piece relative to a symmetric line of the hooking piece.

It is respectfully submitted that Applicant's prior Patent (U.S. 6,106,304) is directed to a cable connecting head for coupling to a circuit board. As clearly shown in Fig. 2, the U-shaped member 100 includes insertion ends 11 having distal end portions thereof which are outwardly bent. Nowhere does the reference disclose the insertion portions being bent to form a peak respectively thereon by bending the hooking piece outwardly at a distance from a distal portion of the end. In contradistinction, the insertions 11 are bent outwardly at the distal end. Further, as there are no peaks formed thereon, a distance between two peaks being greater than a distance between any two points symmetrically displaced on the hooking piece relative to a center line is also not present.

As the reference fails to disclose each and every one of the elements of the invention of the subject Patent Application, as now claimed in Claim 1, it cannot anticipate that Claim. Additionally, as the reference fails to suggest such a combination of elements, it cannot make obvious that invention either.

It is respectfully submitted, and clearly shown in Fig. 2 of the reference, that the U-shaped member 100 is formed from a plate-like stock material, and has a rectangular cross-sectional contour. Nowhere does the reference disclose or suggest forming the U-shaped member from a material having a circular cross-sectional contour. Thus, it is believed that Claim 2 is also patentably distinct.

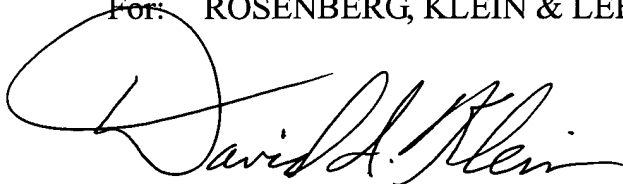
With respect to new Claim 4, such defines the hooking piece as having a circular cross-sectional contour and further that each of the two ends of the

hooking piece have a portion bent to form a respective peak extending outwardly therefrom a distance from a distal portion thereof for elastically engaging a circuit board through corresponding openings therein, a distance between the two peaks of the two bent portions being greater than a distance between any two points symmetrically displaced on the hooking piece relative to a center line of the hooking piece.

Therefore, as the reference fails to disclose each and every one of the claimed elements, it cannot anticipate Claim 4. Further, as the reference fails to suggest such a combination of elements, it cannot make obvious that invention either.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is now believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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